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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please ~~amend~~ the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~amend~~ claims 3-6 and 8-11 as follows:

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** a device (23-35; 76a-76j; 101-127) and/or service (24a-24c, 42, 43, 43a-43g, 44, 45, 46a-46o; 47-74, 75a-75h) is operatable by drag and drop operations or by cut/copy and paste operations.

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